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Dear Jim,

Jimie wrote me several letters of no particular significance, so I can't figure why he gave them to Bob to mail. They are dated the 2d, but postmarked in Memphis the 7th. Even more odd, he had the prison return address on it, one of the better ways of attracting attention had anyone been looking. It included a nothing but excessively long review of the Seigenthaler book in his own paper. It wasn't worth reading. And a clipping and comment on Galbraith indicating the heat is on him. He was acquitted on a bum income-tax rap in 30 minutes.

He also sent me a copy of an April letter to Lutrell complaining about the unwanted publicity. "He had sent a carbon to Bud, it says. Too bad I didn't have that to use when face-to-face with Julie, whose answer to everything is that Jimie just wants publicity.

I hope you haven't forgotten you were going to check on the xeroxing availabilities. I'll be ready for them before you can get this.

"Public" TV aired the suppressed 12 minutes on the FBI in NYC last night. Among those present to criticize was A.M. Rosenthal, national editor of the NYTimes at the time of its greatest finkery. He paid tribute to the four-hour videowhitewash by CBS as great investigative journalism and agreed that this part should not have been aired because it is "irresponsible". I guess he doesn't read his paper as well now that he is managing editor, for I have a pretty clear recollection of bombings by an FBI agent, by those working for the FBI as informants, and even a couple of cases where CIA explosives were used by some of their former mendicants. Shows how profitable it is to polish up that doorknob.

Jerry had little to say. It seems as though he will now be leaving in about three weeks. His and I guess Stoner's new address is Box 1-211, Marietta, Ga. 30060. There was a wierd cancellation on that letter. You can't read it either way without getting reversals in the zip, there being no city on the cancellation.

But from this letter I gather than the one that interested you, the one that came to me without a cancellation, is one Jimie gave him to mail me when Jerry was last there. If this is the case, we can't read it as a letter he intended to plant ideas in the censors' noodles. He was talking to me alone or us. But he is sharp. Possibly the one thing he didn't want the censors to see is a p.s. to me, that he took it that I wasn't always writing to him only. And he's right.

He's in the broken groove of a crack record ^{on} ~~in~~ Foreman. As you'll see from the enclosed, I'm trying to get him to do some independent thinking. It might have a constructive result if he does. You know my belief. Be interesting to know his reaction of he gets the same thought. I may get around to doing this through Jerry, who is going there before he comes here.

Lil and I were talking over an old plan when I took her to the grocery tonight. She is reading the last part of PM for typos and indexing at the same time. Afterwards she'll card each marked entry and we'll have an index. Now that means we'll have index cards on the following: WW, WWII, PW, O in NO, F-U, Coup and now P.M. If and when we have a few bucks again, we were talking about getting stamps like the above abbreviations, taking each set of index cards and stamping them properly, and then consolidating. I must be close to 10,000 cards. But we'd have an index to everything I've published. She has saved all the cards. This stamping would be an easy, repetitive job one of us could do while looking at the TV "news" (excuse the expression).

How did the hearing go? The advance Press-Scimitar story was good enough for Wayne to have written it. Thanks to you or Bud for it.

Best,